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SUBJ: GABONESE/EGYPTIAN RELATIONS

1. GABONESE DELEGATION HEADED BY FONMIN OKUMBA RETURNED TO LIBREVILLE APRIL 17 FOLLOWING THREE-DAY VISIT TO CAIRO. EMBASSY WAS INFORMED SAME DAY BY EGYPTIAN FIRST SECRETARY THAT DELEGATION'S PRIMARY PURPOSE WAS TO CONCLUDE ARRANGEMENTS FOR STATE VISIT TO EGYPT BY PRESIDENT BONGO MAY 4-7. DELEGATION ALSO CONTINUED BILATERAL TALKS BEGUN IN LIBREVILLE LAST FEBRUARY EXPLORING POSSIBLE ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL EXCHANGES AS WELL AS TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO GABON BY GOE.

2. EMBASSY ALSO INFORMED THAT NEW GABONESE AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE TO EGYPT, LEONARD N'DONG NZE WILL ACCOMPANY PRESIDENT TO CAIRO AND REMAIN AFTERWARDS TO TAKE UP RESIDENCE. BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION ON N'DONG NZE WILL BE POUCHED.

3. COMMENT: GOG APPARENTLY REQUESTING EGYPT FURNISH DOCTORS AND UNIVERSITY PROFESSORS UNDER PROGRAM OF BILATERAL ASSISTANCE. HOWEVER, EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS THAT EGYPTIANS DRAGGING THEIR FEET AND INSISTING THAT GABONESE PAY ALL COSTS FOR SUCH ASSISTANCE. EGYPTIAN
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FIRST SECRETARY COMMENTED TO EMBOFF THAT HIS GOVERNMENT

FINDS IT IRONIC THAT THEY BEING REQUESTED TO FURNISH
AID TO GABON WHEN THEY THEMSELVES ARE AID RECIPIENTS.DEJARNETTE

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